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WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2005

House Meets At	Last Vote Predicted At
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business	recorded votes, if ordered, will be postponed until tomorrow.
Unlimited "One Minutes"	postponou unin tomorrow.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Suspensions (8 bills):

- 1) H.R. 1220 Veterans` Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005 (Rep. Buyer Veterans` Affairs)
- 2) H.R. 2385 To make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program (Rep. Turner Government Reform)
- **3)** H.R. 2113 John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building Designation Act (*Rep. Weller Government Reform*)
- **4) H.R. 2183** Vincent Palladino Post Office Designation Act (*Rep. Fossella Government Reform*)
- **5) H.R. 2630** J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex Designation Act (*Rep. LaHood Government Reform*)
- 6) H.R. 3100 East Asia Security Act of 2005 (Rep. Hyde International Relations)
- 7) H.Con.Res. 191 Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War (Rep. Hyde International Relations)
- **8) H.Res. 356** Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in London, England on July 7, 2005 (*Rep. Hyde International Relations*)

H.Res. 346 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2864 – Water Resources Development Act of 2005. Today, the House will only consider the rule for H.R. 2864. General debate on H.R. 2864 and consideration of the amendments made in order will take place tomorrow. The Rules Committee has recommended a restrictive rule that provides one hour of general debate and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also makes in order seven amendments which are debatable for 10 minutes each:

- Young (AK) Manager's Amendment. To make technical and conforming changes to project-related provisions, and authorize or modify additional projects including: Six projects based on Reports of the Chief of Engineers: Des Moines/Raccoon Rivers, Iowa, project for flood damage reduction; Port of Iberia, Louisiana, project for navigation; Raritan and Sandy Hook Bays, Union Beach, New Jersey, project for hurricane and storm damage reduction; Hocking River, Monday Creek Sub-basin, Ohio, project for environmental restoration; Pawley's Island, South Carolina, project for hurricane and storm damage reduction; Picayune Strand, Florida, project for environmental restoration. It also authorizes 8 projects or programs and modifies 7 existing projects or programs.
- ➤ Davis (IL)/Marshall Amendment. To define the section of the North Branch Canal portion of the Chicago River between Kinzie and Fulton streets as non-navigable.
- ➤ Flake/Blumenauer Amendment. To amend the Upper Mississippi River-Illinois Water Way Project, allowing construction of locks and dams only if 35,000,000 tons of commodities are processed on average for 2007-2009 and requiring the implementation of an appointment system to schedule and prioritize barge traffic, a notification report, and a re-evaluation

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report. 35,000,000 tons represents the lower bound estimate of future barge traffic scenarios chosen by the Corps in their UMR-IWW System Navigation Feasibility Study Economic Analysis (September 2004).

- ➤ **Kind Amendment.** To add a new provision requiring the Secretary to make an annual report to Congress on whether the lock and dam construction and ecosystem restoration projects are being carried out at comparable rates. Additionally, the amendment inserts the words, 'or Congress' to clarify that Congress will share the authority with the Secretary in determining if the projects are moving forward at a comparable rate and adjust the annual funding accordingly.
- ➤ Menendez Amendment. To add a contingent authorization for Liberty State Park, New Jersey. It would provide an authorization for the environmental restoration project in Liberty State Park, New Jersey, contingent on a favorable Chief's report being issued for the project prior to December 31, 2005. The federal share would be \$20.8 million, and the local share would be \$11.2 million.
- ➤ Rohrabacher Amendment. To amend language which permits ports to collect tonnage fees for local harbor purposes, by permitting such fees to be collected on a per container basis and permitting the funds collected to be used for security purposes or for infrastructure projects within or outside the harbor that are for transportation to, from, or through the harbor.
- ➤ **Stupak Amendment**. To direct the Secretary of the Army Corps to budget and request appropriations for operations and maintenance of harbor dredging projects based only upon criteria used for such projects in fiscal year 2004.

Possible Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 6 - the Energy Policy Act. Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of **H.R. 2864** - Water Resources Development Act of 2005 (*Rep. Young {AK} - Transportation & Infrastructure*).

Daily Quote...

"Clearly there [are] not the 218 votes there now. There are enough individuals raising questions."

- Mike Castle (R-DE), regarding the House Republican Social Security Proposal. *Bloomberg*, 7/12/05